

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for management of a communications module comprising means to fulfil a communications function, and a detachable microcircuit for a terminal comprising means, including a microprocessor, to set up a man/machine interface in which the microcircuit and the terminal communicate by sending messages through a module-terminal connection between the module and the terminal, wherein:

- messages are sent from the microcircuit to the terminal,
- in the module, messages sent by the microcircuit are distributed between the module and the terminal to limit the communications on the module-terminal connection and to limit an activity, related to a processing of a message, of the microprocessor of the terminal.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein:

- a message of the microcircuit is processed in the terminal,
- the results of the processing are notified to the microcircuit.

3. A method according to one of the claims 1 or 2, wherein the messages sent by the microcircuit are filtered for the transmission, to the terminal, of those messages related to a management of the man/machine interface, the other messages being processed by the means of the module.

4. A method according to one of the claims 1 to 3, wherein the messages sent out by the microcircuit are filtered to transmit those messages that correspond to a response of the microcircuit following a request sent by the terminal, the other messages being processed by means of the module.

5. A method according to one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein the messages exchanged between the microcircuit and the terminal are formatted according to a Hayes type format by formatting means of the module.

6. A method according to one of the claims 1 to 5, wherein a message sent by the microcircuit or the terminal respectively to the terminal or the microcircuit respectively is included in the following list:

- +CTKC list of parameters
- AT+CTKR list of parameters
- +CTKE list of parameters
- AT+CTKV list of parameters

+CTKER liste de paramètres

AT+CTKP list of parameters

AT+CTKF list of parameters.

5 7. A communications device comprising a terminal, comprising means to make a man/machine interface and an extension module for the terminal, the extension module comprising a microcircuit, wherein:

- the terminal and the module comprise communications means to communicate with each other,

10 - the module comprises means to filter messages sent by the microcircuit, the filtering means co-operating with the communications means.

15 8. A device according to claim 7, wherein the terminal comprises means for the management of the microcircuit cooperating with the communications means.

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